



GCA comment about the lifting of the hosepipe bans for DIY Week

Peter Burks, Chairman of the Garden Centre Association, said: “When the hosepipe bans were enforced there were worries throughout the industry about the impact this could have on business, but we knew that this would be very much dependent on the weather in the following months.

“If the weather had been hot and dry, people may have started to panic and become cautious about planting, however as soon as the hosepipe bans were announced the rain started. It was certainly the wettest drought I’ve come across.

“I don’t think the lifting of the final bans will have much of an impact on garden centre sales, back when the bans were first announced people were buying lots of rain conserving products, such as water butts, but since the weather has been wet this has stopped.

“Many people have been complaining about the rain we’ve been experiencing, however gardeners should be celebrating because there have probably never been better summer conditions for plants. The moist ground provides excellent growing conditions.”

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